NO QUESTIONING PERMITTED TODAY

Detectives Actively Interested in the Investigation,

BUT HAVE NO CLUES

Mrs. Ada Gilbert Dennis, who was murderously assaulted by some one unknown over a week ago, and whose condition has been exceedingly critical ever since, was believed to be somewhat better this morning. The attending physicians were greatly surprised when they visited the hospital and noted the change for the better. Yesterday morning her condition was so serious that her death was expected before many hours. A saline solution was administered yesterday, as stated in The Star, and the patient was restored to consciousness, but it was feared the effect would not be lasting. The result, however, proves to be slightly encouraging.

Mrs. Dennis spent a fairly good night, suffering but little pain, and this morning her pulse was rather strong. Her temperature was nearly normal, and she had taken nourishment during the night. While there is apparently a change in the patient's condition for the better, the doctors hold out no hope of recovery. They have determined that the patient shall be kept perfectly quiet. Her mind is a little clearer than it was yesterday, and with absolute rest and quiet, it is hoped a further im-provement may follow. Mrs. Dennis must volunteer a statement concerning the assault committed upon her if any is made, as the doctors will not permit her to be questioned. Visitors are not permitted to see her, although her sister was allowed to enter the room yesterday and remain only a minute

But very few friends call at the hospital, as they know they cannot see the injured woman. They rely upon the telephone to get their information, and one man is kept sy answering the calls. Effort to Get Ante-Mortem Statement

Mr. Alexander H. Semmes, assistant district attorney, made two trips to the hospital after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and spent more than two hours there, endeavoring to obtain an ante-mortem statement from Mrs. Dennis. When he reached the hospital, Mr. Semmes was told that she was in about as good condition to talk as she would ever be. Accompanied by three detectives who were on duty he went to the room occupied by her and made an effort to gain from her something which would bear on the tragedy. At one time he felt that success would crown his efforts, but soon afterward the sick woman made contradictory statements. After re-maining with her fully an hour he went away and returned about 7 o'clock. On the occasion of his second visit he found the patient apparently suffering considerable pain. Her answers, said Mr. Semmes after the close of the interview, were similar to what might be expected from an intoxicated person. She contradicted her-self a number of times when responding to questions. It is explained that her brain was not very active, requiring considerable

effort in responding to questions. Several times Mrs. Dennis' answers indicated that she had not remembered the pur-port of the questions. Mr. Semmes said his two visits had been productive of nothing which would render assistance to the officers. His experience in the sick room last night, he said, was an unpleasant one, thought the woman's recovery would be marvelous. In his opinion, he said, the blow which fractured the thick part of the skull over the right eye must been delivered with great force.

Regarding the Weapon. Major Sylvester and Captain Boardman

are still of the opinion that the seat of the plano stool was the weapon used in the case. It is discovered that there is more blood on it than was at first supposed. The seat, it is argued, acted as a shield and prevented the spurting of the blood toward the person who wielded it. Yesterday it was found by the police officials that the seat weighs six and one-half pounds. Nothing else in the shape of a weapon has been found.

Nothing has yet developed in connection with the overcoat found in the catch-basin at the northeast corner of 13th and N streets, three days after the murderous assault was committed. Many persons whose coats had been stolen have called at head quarters and looked at the garment, which has not yet been claimed. While no formal offer of a reward has been made in case by the police Major Sylvester says he will pay liberally for any information which will be of assistance in solving the mystery.

THE JENIOR REPEBLIC.

To Replace the Building Burned The burning of the building at the Na-

tional Junior Republic yesterday, as reported in The Star, was caused, it is believed, by sparks from the wash room, which were blown into an unoccupied room on the second floor. A feature of the disaster was the bravery shown by the boys in entering the burning building and rescuing much of the furniture on the first floor and some even of the things upstairs. When the flames first burst out one little boy was in an upper room confined to his bed with sickness. Mr. Turner, the superintendent, rushed through the smoke and flames and brought him out.

Mr. Thos. C. Noyes, president of the board of trustees, said today that the institution would not stop a minute on account of the loss of the building. "It is an extremely unfortunate thing, of course," he said, "especially at this time of year, but it will be met, as all crises at the republic have been met, with a firm reliance on di-vine providence, and the generous disposition of citizens here and in Baltim The new building just completed will be used for all departments temporarily, and immediate steps will be taken to erect a building which will probably contain only dining rooms, kitchen and quarters for the matron and such girls as are at the re-

1826 Massachusetts avenue, who is a mem-ber of the board of trustees, said today: "In view of the disaster which has be of its building yesterday, containing its kitchen and dining rooms and girls rooms, besides the rooms of the employes, I venture to appeal to the public, who, always generous, are doubly so at this Christman time, to give generously toward a new building. This fire follows on six weeks of isolation from scarlet fever. The new building is done, but not quite paid for, and still to be furnished, but I will start at once to collect funds for another and appeal to every generous person to help me. Those who can only give trifles let them send something for the kitchen-a dish, a plate; anything, no matter what. Let every one who at this holiday season is expecting some petted child home send something, large or small. Let every one who has lost a child send something in loving memory. Every one can afford to give something, and the sconer the better in this case. Money and articles can be sent either to Mr. Thos. C. Noyes, at The Star building, or to me at my home, or on notification at either place they will be sent

The State Department is informed by Consul Freeman at Copenhagen that an exhibition of automobiles will be held in that city in April next under the auspices of the Danish Automobile Club and the Society for the Promotion of Industrial Arts. The exhibition is designed mainly for automotor cycles and articles relating to the driv-ing of automobiles.

MR. WAKEMAN'S LETTER. It is Said to Be a Refusal to

The Treasury Department has received a letter from Wilbur F. Wakeman, whose resignation as appraiser of the port of New York was recently requested. The contents of the letter have not been made public, as Secretary Gage is in New York and has not seen the letter.

It is stated that the letter contains a refusal to resign, declaring that Mr. Wakeman has done nothing to resign for. He defends his course and enters into a long detailed statement of his connection with the affairs of the office.

HEARING BEGUN.

Suit to Test Constitutionality of Personal Tax Law.

Hearing was begun late this afternoon before Justice Clabaugh in Circuit Court No. 2 in connection with the proceedings instituted several weeks ago to test the validity and constitutionality of the socalled personal tax law in the District of Columbia. The title of the case is John S. Heald, George E. Hamilton and D. W. Baker, committee of Eugene Peters, lunatic, against the District of Columbia for writ of certiorari.

The hearing is based directly on a motion to quash an assessment levied against the personal estate of Eugene Peters. The argument entails the reading from a large number of legal authorities. Attorneys A. S. Worthington, D. W. Baker, M. J. Colbert and C. L. Frailey appear for the petitioners, the District of Columbia being represented by Attorneys A. B. Duvall and E. H. Thomas

NATIONAL FOREST RESERVE.

The President Sends a Strong Recom-

mendation to Congress. President Roosevelt today sent to Congress a letter strongly commending the plan for a national forest reserve in the southern Apalachian region. The letter accompanied the report of the Secretary of Agriculture on this subject. The President states that the facts as ascertained set forth an economic need of prime importance to the south, and hence to the nation as a whole, and they point to the necessity of protecting through wise use a mountain region whose influence flows far beyond its borders with the waters of the rivers to which it gives rise. After referring to the marvelous variety and richness of plant growth in this region the President says it is unsurpassed for purposes of a hardwood re-serve, and he earnestly commends the project to Congress.

DEPARTURE OF CUBANS.

They Will Return to the City After

Mr. Abad, representing the economic so cieties of Cuba, and Senor Gamba, president of the Cuban commercial delegation, who came to Washington to endeavor to secure trade concessions from the United States, left here this afternoon for New York, whence they will sail tomorrow for Havana. They will return to this city early in January to continue their efforts to secure favorable legislation from Congress, and it is understood that they will be ac-companied by many influential merchants

BRAKEMAN FALLS TO DEATH.

Slipped From Top of Freight Car and is Crushed.

George W. Davis, twenty-six years old, a brakeman employed on the Baltimore and Potomac railroad. was run over in the Anacostia freight yard this morning by a train and instantly killed. His body was removed to the undertaking establishment of J. William Lee, and Acting Coroner Nevitt was notified. He made an investigation and gave a certificate of accidental

Davis slipped from a freight car. He fell over his body. Life was extinct when the body was picked up.

The deceased lived at No. 11 N street southwest, from which place his funeral will take place.

PENSIONS FOR CLERKS.

Provisions of a Bill Introduced by Representative Gillett.

Representative Gillett of Massachusetts introduced a bill in the House today by request for the retirement of government clerks on pensions, the funds for the pensions to be raised by an assessment of 2 per cent on the salaries of employes in the departments.

The bill provides that the new system shall go into effect on July 1, 1902, when 2 per cent of the earnings of every employe in the classified service shall be deducted and deposited in the treasury to constitute a civil service retirement fund. The bill vested in government bonds.

The pensions are in no case to exceed 75 per cent of the earnings of the employes retired, and shall not exceed \$1,500 a year to any person. Persons eligible to retirement on pensions are those who have worked ten years under the civil service and have become visibly or mentally disabled for service; persons who have reached the age of fifty years and who have been years and who have been employed thirty years in the departments; persons who have reached the age of seventy years and have been employed for thirty-five years. The bill provides for the establishment of a retirement bureau wit - a chief at a salary of \$1,800 a year.

NO SALE OF PHILADELPHIA MINT.

None of the Bids Reached Upset Price

PHILADELPHIA, December 19.-The old United States mint site on Chestnut street below Broad was offered for sale at auction this afternoon, but no genuine bids were received. Secretary of the Treasury Lyman J. Gage was present. He declined to say anything concerning the attempted

When the site was offered by the auc tioneer two voices in the crowd bid a milbelow the upset price of \$2,000,000 set by the government no attention was paid to them. The auctioneer then announced no sale. Secretary Gage repaired to the Union League, where he was the guest of the

De Windt Starts on Long Trip. PARIS, December 19 .- Harry De Windt and his companions, who will attempt to reach New York by traveling overland, started this morning, on their way to Ber-

Strikes Legal in St. Louis.

In the St. Louis circuit court yesterday Judge Talty decided that strikes were lawful, and that any number of men may band together to enforce a demand for an

of their employers.

A bill to promote an international conference to formulate a universal language was introduced in the House today by Representative Cushman of Washington. The bill authorizes the President to invite all nations to take part in a conference in this city, October 1, 1902.

Demand for Ermine. From Modern Society.

Furriers will be uncommonly busy next year preparing so many mantles for the coronation. The run on ermine cannot fail to render the skin of the "white weasel," as the animal used to be termed, very dear for a while, as the real thing, not its imitations, must be worn at the great historical ought to be genuine ermine; and for royal use the lining of a royal mantle and sleeves it should be spotted with the black paws of it should be spotted with the black spots on the astrakhan lamb. The black spots on the bordering of a royal mantle are of ermine tails. These were usually om'tred in the dress of judges and high eccle-

Warden Hagan of the Tombs prison has been dismissed from office by Commissioner of Charities Lantry on a charge of insub-

Serious Wreck on the Southern Pacifio in California.

CONFLICTING REPORTS OF KILLED

One Account Says Two and Another Three Were Killed.

COACHES CATCH FIRE

SAN FRANCISCO, December 19 .- The north and south-bound overland trains on the coast division of the Southern Pacific came in collision about 2 o'clock this morning near San Ardo, Monterey county, 180 miles south of this city.

News of the collision is very meager and conflicting. At first it was reported that at least ten people were killed and fifty in-

A passenger on one of the trains telephoned the Associated Press from San Lucas that only three were killed-a fireman and a baggageman and his helperand that four Italian laborers were injured, none of them fatally.

Later another passenger wired that three were killed and thirty injured, many of them fatally. Following is the list of casualties: Killed

-Mr. Garland, fireman; Wells Fargo messenger, name unknown. The injured — John Carogana, Mrs. Wright, L. L. Oston, A. A. Irvine, Ida Sorsburg, John Kelshaw, Mrs. Felipe, Mr. Randadore, Salvander Buena Borso, Christian Jensen.

Mr. Saberino, Joe Rundee, John G. Jordon, George Meeker, Chris Hendrickson, H. C. Martin, Emmon Beerier, John G. Will-iams, A. E. Wakefield, Mr. Holcomb, Charles Wasson, Mrs. Holbridge.

This Message Says Two Killed. A message from Salinas to the Associat-

ed Press says the coroner has been notified that two were killed and that eighty people were injured, fourteen fatally. The railroad officials in San Francisco say their reports show three killed and none seriously injured. General Manager Krutschnitt of the Southern Pacific was a passenger on the north-bound train.

There is no telegraph office at Uplands, where the wreck occurred, and reports Bill Introduced by Senator Nelson of come from San Lucas and San Ardo, small villages several miles away. G. F. Richardson, master of transportation of the Southern Pacific Company, said ate yesterday were two by Senator Nelson

to the Associated Press:
"The accident was due to the fact that
the engineer of the south-bound Sunset
limited failed to obey the instructions sent to him to stop at Uplands. His train was behind time or the dispatcher would have ordered the engineer to meet the northbound train at San Arao, the usual meeting place. Our reports indicate that the first news of the wreck was greatly exaggerated. So far we have news of but three fatalities. a fireman, a baggageman and his helper. cannot estimate the number of injured at this time, but I am certain that it will not be large."
The following story of the train wreck at

Uplands was telephoned to the Associated Press from San Lucas by one of the pas-sengers. Reports from other sources conflict with the San Lucas story as to the number of the fatally injured, but the main details are believed to be correct.

Report From San Lucas. SAN LUCAS, Cal., December 19,-The

north and south bound Southern Pacific Sunset limited trains came together in head-on collision at Uplands at 1:05 this morning, and two men, the fireman and baggageman, were killed. Four Italians bound train were bruised and scalded, but not fatally. Both engines were demolished and the baggage, smoking and chair cars on the northbound train were burned. None of the cars on the southbound train was injured and none of the passengers

The killed are:

Baggageman Garland.

is stated the cause of the accident was the failure of the south bound to wait at a siding at Uplands. Instead of waiting the train went past the siding at the rate of thirty miles an hour. Half a mile beyond the siding it crashed into the north-bound train from Los Angeles, which was going at an equal rate of speed. Just as the crash came both engine

crews jumped for their lives. All escaped but Fireman Gerber of the north-bound engine, who was crushed to death. Both engines were completely wrecked, and the baggage car piled on top of the entrain, in which there were half a dozen Italian laborers, was also smashed and four of the Italians were badly bruised and scalded by escaping steam. None of them are believed to be fatally hurt.

In the chair car were a number of firstclass passengers. Sheriff Pease of Monterey and a man named Kelshaw of San Luis Obispo were bruised, but not seriously.

Immediately after the collision the baggage car of the north-bound train caught fire and Baggageman Garland, who was crushed in the wreck, was burned with his The chair car was also burned, but all the passengers had managed to get out

The first reports of the wreck were great Ine first reports of the wreck were greatly exaggerated. There is no telegraph station at Uplands, and messages have to be sent from San Ardo, four miles away. Wrecking crews and surgeons were sent from Salinas and San Luis Obispo.

The track is completely blocked, but a temporary track is being built around the wreck and traffic will be regumed today.

wreck and traffic will be resumed today. passengers of both trains when the collision ccurred. Both trains were heavily laden with passengers, many of whom Many of them rushed out into the night air without waiting to dress, while others went to the assistance of the train crew, who were engaged in getting out the

The passengers are waiting at San Lucas and will probably resume their journey to-day. The injured will be taken to Salinas. It is reported that the All-American base ball team was on the south-bound train, en route to Los Angeles.

Duel With Pistols in a Room. Daniel Bradburn and David Fagan fought a duel to the death in a small room

of Hall's boading house, Uniontown, Pa., where both men lived. Bradburn was killed, and Fagan is in jail with a bullet wound in his side from the effect of which he may die. Fagan had accused Bradburn of stealing money from him, and the latter went downtown, purchased a revolver, and, returning, challenged Fagan to get his gun and fight it out. Fagan immediately went to his room and got his revolver, and the fight was on in deadly earnest

Dr. Krause Held for Treason. Dr. Krause, the former governor of Johannesburg, who is charged with high treason and having incited Corneling Broeksma, the ex-public prosecutor of Johannesburg (who was executed September 30) to murder John Douglas Forster, an English lawyer attached to Lord Roberts' staff, was formally committed for trial at the Bow street police court, in London,

yesterday Flour Mills Closing Down. A dispatch from Minneapolis, Minn., yesterday, says: Four flour mills of the Consolidated Milling Company were shut down this morning. There is every probability that nearly all mills will be closed before the end of the week. The closing of the mills results, in part, from temporary depression in the demand for flour from

American Officers for Chinese Navy LONDON, December 19.-The Shanghe

TWO TRAINS COLLIDE BREWER'S MURDERERS CONGRESS ADJOURNS

FILIPINOS.

Three Sentences Life Imprison-

Other Anguitted.

from Caloocan to Novaliches, near the city of Manila, in July, 1906. Every effort was then made to apprehend his assailants, but

for many months no trace of them could be

The four natives held for trial were Aga-

pito Ygnacio, a major of a so-called band

was acting as paymaster in addition to his regular duties, and, in company with an enlisted man of his regiment, was on his way to disburse some funds.

their horses, it is stated, ran to shelter, threw down their revolvers and raised their

"The accused, Agapito Ygnacio, Pio Sac-dalan and Benito Clemor," says Gen. Chaf-

fee in reviewing the case, "personally or-dered and participated in the consumma-

tion of this barbarous crime;" and he approved the sentence of imprisonment at hard labor for life imposed by the court-martial on the three natives mentioned, the

fourth, Manuel Lerma, having been acquit-

Lieut. Brewer was a graduate of the Western High School and was prominent in all athletic sports at that institution, stood high in his studies and was very well liked

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

Local Interest.

Among the bills introduced in the Sen-

providing for industrial schools. The first

of these authorizes the appropriation of

money for the establishment of schools for

the industrial education of the youth of

the country in every county of over 5,000

population in each state of the union. The

second provides a system of education for

the territories lucluding the recently ac-

quired islands. For this system of schools

\$1,000,000 is suggested for the District of

Columbia and \$15,000,000 for Porto Rico and the Philippines and the territories. It is set forth in the second bill that the schools shall be established "to the end that all children shall become intelligent, skillful, efficient, and self-supporting citizens."

GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

Bill for \$10,000 Deficiency Passes the

A bill carrying \$10,000 as a deficiency ap-

propriation for the general land office was passed by the Hause loday, under unani-

mous consent, obtained by Chairman Can-

Cannon explained that the bill was made

necessary in order to carry on the work of

transcripts and records of plats in that of-

fice, where a number of copyists are em-

ployed at \$2 per day. These employes are

not under the civil service act, but are re-

garded as temporary clerks, for which an

Cannon explained that he hoped to get

This would avoid deficiency appro-

appropriation has to be made each year.

the bill through the Senate today also, ar

that when the appropriation was made in

the regular way hereafter he should rec

ommend that only one-twelfth of the sum appropriated should be expended each

MEMORIAL TABLET DEDICATED.

To Massachusetts Soldiers Who Died

in Andersonville Prison.

ANDERSONVILLE, Ga., December 19.

The Massachusetts memorial tablet, erect-

ed on the site of the old war prison here,

Major E. S. Horton, president of the

Massachusetts Association of Ex-prisoners

presided, and prayer was offered by Com-

rade Curtis, chaplain of the association.

The monument was turned over to Massa-

chuetts in a brief address by C. M. David, chairman of the committee, and it was ac-

cepted by Lleut. Gov. John L. Bates, who

The Massachusetts party numbers thirty-five, and all of the commissioners were at

Dates for Sailing of Transports.

ficials of the transport service have an-

nounced definite dates for the departure of

transports for Manila. The Sheridan will

depart on January 1, the Kilpatrick on Jan-

uary 1, the Thomas on February 1, carry-

ing the 29th infantry, and the Grant will sail at about the same time on a special

Supposed Suicide in London.

LONDON, December 19.-Hugh Keke-

vich of the firm of Morrison, Kekewich &

Co., a leading member of the metal ex-

change, died suddenly this morning. It is

said that he committed suicide. The belief

prevails that Mr. Kekewich recently suf-

fered heavy losses in copper. The metal exchange has closed as a mark of sympa-thy. He had suffered from insomnia.

Another Cut in Refined Sugar,

NEW YORK, December 19.-Arbuckle

Brothers have reduced the price of refined

For Supplied Taken in Wartime.

Representative Pearle introduced a bill

n the House today directing the Secretary

of the Treasury to pay to Elizabeth Thomas

of this city \$6,030, as pay for property and supplies taken during the war of the rebel-

Increase in Philippine Customs.

The division of insular affairs of the

War Department gave out for publication

Admiral Remegat Nagasaki.

The Navy Department has received a ca-blegram announcing the arrival of Rear Ad-miral Remey aboard his flagship, the Brook-

Overdose of Landanum

Edith Lovell, fwenty-two years of age, a

sugar five points.

trip with insular employes and

SAN FRANCISCO, December 19 .- The of-

made the address of the day.

one time Andersonville prisoners

priations for this work hereafter

was dedicated today.

riations committee. Mr.

behind with a revolver.

ted by the court.

by all who knew him.

zens."

RECORD OF THE TRIAL OF FOUR Short Sessions Held in Both Houses.

DE ARMOND MAKES A STATEMENT

The War Department has just received from the Philipping the record of a court-martial of four Edit loss, which is of special interest local hasmuch as the natives were charted with the murder of First Lieut. Ricard H. Brewer, 27th Volunteer Infantry, who was a well-known and popular volume resident of this city. House Makes Canal Bill a Special Order.

and popular young resident of this city. NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED Lieutenant Brewer was killed on the road

> After the vote on the Philippine revenue bill yesterday there was a general exodus of members of the House for their homes to spend the Christmas holidays, and today when the House met there was a waste of vacant seats. The session of the House was brief. Some odds and ends of business were disposed of.

of insurgents; Pio Sacdalan and Benito Clemor, lieutenant, and Manuei Lerma. The officers were exercising functions of command in a band of natives, a number of the members of which were dressed in the ordinary clothing of peaceful inhabitants of the country, and which lay in ambush on the road from Caloocan to Novaliches. Lieut. Brewer, at the time of his death, was acting as paymaster in addition to his Mr. Cannon (III.) asked unanimous consent for the consideration of a bill for a deficiency appropriation of \$10,000 for furnishing transcripts of records in the general land office. The employes who were doing this work, Mr. Cannon said, were mostly women, and he appealed to the House in the spirit of the yuletide season to pass the bill. There was no objection and the bill was passed.

When the two men approached the hid-ing place of the Filipino band, the natives opened fire on them. Lieutenant Brewer and the private then dismounted from The message of the President relative to the creation of an Apalachian forest reserve was laid before the House.

arms in sign of surrender. The band then surrounded them, conveyed them to a point some fifty yards distant, stripped them of their clothing, made them kneel and Mr. DeArmond (Mo.) at this point rose to a question of personal privilege. He said that while he was absent in the Philippines a report was circulated in his state to the killed them by stabbing one in the back with a dagger and shooting the other from effect that the rural free delivery service was being held up in his district until his return. "I desire," said Mr. DeArmond, "to present some testimony to disabuse the minds of those who may have been misled, to uncover those who may have been hypercritical and to confute those who may have

Not a Matter of Privilege.

He thereupon sent to the clerk's desk and had read a letter sent by him to the first assistant postmaster general asking that official what his status was to be in regard to appointments in the rural free delivery service in his district.

Mr. Payne (N.Y.) made the point of order that the letter did not constitute a question of personal privilege.

Speaker Henderson held that a contro-

versy with a department about patronage did not constitute a matter of privilege. If it were, he said, members might constantly arise on such pretext to air their grievances. Upon Mr. De Armond's representation that he would develop a question of privi-lege, however, the Speaker allowed him to

proceed. A second letter from Mr. DeArmond to the Postmaster General was sent to the desk, but as soon as it was read both Mr. Payne and Mr. Grosvenor renewed the point of order that no question of personal privilege had been presented.

Mr. Grosvenor's point was that if a member of the House, in his legislative capacity, chose to invade an executive department

for the purpose of patronage, unless it was charged that such action involved moral turpitude, it presented no question of personal privilege. The Speaker seemed inclined to think that both points of order were well taken.

But Mr. DeArmond insisted that reports circulated in his district were false and injurious to him in his legislative capacity. Mr. DeArmond's Statement.

The Speaker finally ruled that no question of personal privilege had been presented, whereupon Mr. De Armond asked and obtained unanimous consent to make a personal statement. He proceeded to explain that reports were circulated in his district that he had caused action on free delivery routes to be held up during his absence in the Philippines; that those reports were circulated by those who lied and knew they lied. He read letters addressed by him to the first assistant postmaster general last April, none of which, he said, had elicited a reply. He also had read a letter received by him after his return from the orient, but dated July 3, saying a certain rural free delivery route would be established, and another dated July 6, saying the action spoken of in the letter of July 3 had been "held up" to await the final ac-

tion of the Postmaster General.

Mr. DeArmond said he wondered whether the Postmaster General, who had just announced his purpose of leaving the cabinet, was going because he was wearied by the great labor of solving this question. In conclusion, Mr. DeArmond declared "frankly, fairly or in a manly way."

had not answered the pertinent question re-garding the division of carriers between the parties. He charged that the course of the department was in the interest of certain republican bosses in Missouri, one of whom hoped to get into the States Senate.

Canal Bill Made a Special Order.

Mr. Hepburn asked unanimous consent that the Nicaragua canal bill be made a special order for Tuesday, January 7, and to continue as a special order until disposed of, not, however, to interfere with revenue or appropriation bills.

Mr. Cannon asked whether the passage of the bill would embarrass the executive n securing the right of way through Nicaragua or Costa Rica.

Mr. Hepburn said he knew of no nego-

tiation that would be interfered with by this legislation. On the contrary, he said, legislation must precede acquisition, the bill itself providing means for the acquirement of the right of way.

Mr. Richardson, the minority leader, said

this was in no sense a political question, and there was no objection to the proposition on his side of the House. Mr. Cannon said he was in favor of the building of the canal, but he thought there

should be a place to put the canal before it was authorized. As this was a request for consideration, however, he said he would not object, and after some further discus-sion the order for the consideration of the bill was made. At 1:45 the House adjourned until January 6, 1902.

In the absence of Mr. Frye of Maine. president pro tem., Mr. Perkins of California presided over today's session of the

The bill temporarily to provide revenue for the Philippine Islands, which was passed by the House of Representatives yesterday, was referred to the committee on the Philippines. A bill to increase the official bond of the

United States marshal of Alaska in certain cases to \$75,000 was introduced by Mr. Hoar and passed without reference to committee. At 12:40 the Senate, on motion of Mr. Hale, went into executive session.

The Senate confirmed the following nom-

war Department gave out for publication today a statement showing that the customs revenues in the Philippines for the nine months ended September 30, 1901, were \$6,275,295.17, as compared with \$5,484, 920.84 for the same period of 1900, and \$3,468,126.98 for 1899 and H. N. Price, surveyor general of Arizona;

Reuben D. Hill, United States attorney western district of Kentucky.

Receivers of public moneys—E. B. Mather, Buffalo, Wyo.; J. D. Maguire, Lawton, Okla.; Thomas R. Reid, El Reno, Okla.; John A. Trotter, Mangum, Okla.; Edward S. Wiggins, Woodward, Okla.; Levi R. Davis, Sundance, Wyo.; Frederick Muller, Santa Fe, N. M.

Registers of land offices—Fred. W. Daniels, Buffalo, Wyo.; William E. Ward, Colby, Kans.; F. C. Sickles, El Reno, Okla.; H. D. McKnight, Lawton, Okla.; Milton A. Elliott, Camden, Ark.

Postmasters—Ohio: C. D. Gist, Athens; George T. Drake, Corning: James T. Sheppard, Nelsonville. Illinois: George N. Mason, Erie.

member of a band of gypsies encamped near Brookland, took an overdose of laudson, Erie. A. O. Marsh, pension agent at Indianapanum about 8 o'clock this morning. The police say the girl has been in ill health and took the dose with suicidal intent. A physician was called in and rendered med-ical aid. The girl will recover.

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., December 19. The Weser Zeitung of Bremen, Germany says that the discontinuance of microscopical meat inspections in the United States, as has been reported; simply means that Germany's imports of American pork will cease on January 3, 1902.

MINISTER CORREA RETURNS. Came From Mexico to Take Part is

Mr. Correa the Nicaraguan minister, who has been in attendance upon the congress of American republics in Mexico, has returned to Washington, and this morning called upon Secretary Hay at the State Department. The minister left the congress before its completion by express instruction of the government, in order to be in position to conduct to a conclusion as speedily as possible any negotiations necessary to the completion of the Nicaraguan

canal project. canal project.

While a protocol has already been signed outlining the terms upon which a treaty may be drafted, conferring upon the United States the right-of-way and necessary privileges for the construction of a canal through Nicaragua, the outline is of the vaguest character, and the Nicaraguan government has conferred large discretion upon its minister in the settlement of details, a mark of confidence rarely exhibited in connection with so large an undertakin connection with so large an undertak-

It will not be possible for Secretary Hay and Minister Correa to sign a treaty such as described in advance of legislation by Congress. The executive at present has no authority to make any proposition to Nicaragua, and he must await congressional authorization, so that until one of the pending canal bills is enacted into law no treat for the acquirement of rights can be madfor the acquirement of rights can be Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassador Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassador to receive notice from hi is daily expecting to receive notice from his government of its approval and ratification of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and as soon as he has this he will arrange with Secre-tary Hay the date upon which the final ex-change of ratifications of the treaty shall take place.

IN DIVORCE COURT.

Petitions Filed and Decrees Signed-Order Revoked. Justice Bradley, in Equity Court No. 2, has signed a decree granting Alice B. Hughes a divorce from Walter Erwin Hughes on the ground of desertion. The petitioner is given leave to resume her maiden name, Bennett.

tice Bradley granting William H. Despot a divorce from Birdle Despot on the grounds of desertion and infidelity. The divorce proceedings instituted by Martha S. Starkes against Thomas H. Starkes have been dismissed by Justice Bradley, the court holding that the testi-

A decree has also been signed by Jus-

mony was insufficient to sustain the allegations of the petition.

The order of dismissal of the petition for divorce filed by Lucy Williams against Warner Williams, entered last Saturday, has been set aside by Justice Bradley, and the cause referred to an examiner in chan-

the cause referred to an examiner in chancery for the taking of further proof.
Suit for divorce has been filed by James
T. Anderson against Bessle M. Anderson.
Willful desertion is alleged.
Justice Hagner, in Equity Court No. 1,
has signed a decree granting Mary E. Ellis
a divorce from William A. Ellis on the
ground of cruelty and desertion.
A decree has been signed by Justice Brad

A decree has been signed by Justice Brad-ley, in Equity Court No. 2, granting Eliza-beth G. Williams a divorce from William E. Williams on the ground of habitual drunkenness and cruelty. Mrs. Williams is given the custody of the two children of the Mabel Bond this afternoon filed suit to

secure a divorce from James Bond, alleging cruel treatment and desertion. A petition for divorce was this afternoon filed by Catharine E. Campbell against William Campbell. Cruel treatment is

The Supreme Court of the District of Columbla was this afternoon asked by Corne-lius T. Belt to grant him a divorce from Elizabeth Q. Belt. The petitioner accuses his wife of being an habitual drunkard. A petition for divorce was filed this after-noon by William M. McClarren, who seeks a separation from Ella McClarren.

CONTROLLER'S DECISION.

Balance of Import Duties Available for Porto Rico. Mr. Tracewell, the controller of the

Treasury, has decided the question as to whether the balance of \$397,902 remaining undisposed of of the total sum of \$2,118, 826, collected as import duties on merchan dise coming into the United States from Porto Rico prior to the date of the taking over of the island, until the Foraker act went into effect, is subject to further allotment to Porto Rico. The controller holds that it is. The act of March 24, 1900, provided that

the revenue collected on these imports should be returned to Porto Rico, of which all but \$397,902 has been turned into the treasury of the island. The recent deci-sions of the Supreme Court held in effect that these duties were wrongfully collected and therefore must be returned to the importers, which has been done as rapidly as their claims were proven. The effect as their claims were proven. The effect of the controller's decision is that the whole amount collected must be returned to Porto Rico and a like amount to the importers, so that the government itself will \$2,118,826 by the transaction.

Decisions in Criminal Court. Henry Gant, indicted for assault with intent to kill, the complaining witness being John T. C. Newson, has been convicted in Criminal Court No. 1. The defendant was

the court. In the same court John Mahaney, charged with assaulting George L. Yoe, formerly a placed on trial this afternoon.

Charles Magruder, convicted in Criminal
Court No. 1 of larceny from the person, involving the theft of money and a pocket book from Susie A. Parker, has been sen-tenced by Justice Anderson to imprisonment for two years in the penitentiary at

breaking, at the residence of Nathan F. Edmunds, was acquitted today in Criminal Washington Stock Exchange.

Sales-regular call, 12 o'clock m.—U. 8, Coupon 8s, \$100 at 109. Capital Traction, 20 at 105½, 10 at 105½, 20 at 105½, 20 at 106, 10 at 106½, National Union Fire Ins. Co., 200 at 8. Mergenthaler Linotype, 10 at 168½, 2 at 169. Lanston Monotype, 25 at 11½, 50 at 11½, 10 at 11½, 1 at 11½. Greene Con. Conper Co., 100 at 30.

District of Columbia Bonds.—3.65s, fuading, 125 bid. Miscellaneous Bonds.-Capital Traction 4s, 106%

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GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

uncertainty of the action to be taken at the afternoon meeting of the directors of the Amalgamated Copper Company. A considerable volume of short stock was repurchased for fear a rally might follow the dividend announcement and new short selling was postponed for a similar reason

the rate of 4 per cent. When the worst is known the street argues that the stock will pass into a less prominent place and allow the railroad shares to move along natural lines. London advices announced a further cut in the price of the product, but on this side little attention was paid to the action. The heaviness of Standard Oll stock and the cut in the price of that commodity is regarded as a part of a general scheme to

The methods are severely criticised and of this faction might be eliminated from the stock exchange and the field or possible in-jury contracted. At 2 o'clock the vice president of the copper company was re-ported to be attending a meeting in Brook-

ing in Southern Pacific was called good, and evidence of accumulation are noticed whenever the general market is firm.

Atchison again shows splendid support and there are reasons for believing that the pool in that issue will become active

The coal stocks were strong at better prices, due to a reported increase in rates January 1, and the satisfactory condition reflected in current earnings. The rumor that Erie first preferred may get its full 4 per cent rate at the meeting next month helped to attract some new business to the Brie group. Readings held well, and the higher priced issues found a

good investment inquiry. The Steel stocks were very dull, under a mixed demand, but held well in spite of the decreased business. A few of the outside companies reflected a better demand, but the commission houses reported little

cent and there was less uneasiness on that score. Brokers appreciate the fact that into an important factor next spring. ers since the price dropped below par

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Strength at the Close SHORTS COVERED VERY GENERALLY

FINANCE AND TRADE

Amalgamated Copper

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. NEW YORK, December 19.-Trading in oday's stock market was retarded by the

The predictions extend from the passing of all dividends to a probable payment at

secure some advantage in both copper and

lyn, thus delaying action on the dividend question until the close of the day. Union Pacific was strong under a good lemand based on earnings, the annual report being said to show something close to 10 per cent earned on the common stock. Now that Mr. Harriman has recovered it is thought the report will be given out early next week. The character of the buy-

after the new year. Earnings keep up and there are certain ambitious plans for the property, which are relied upon to add materially to its value.

inquiry for industrial properties.

overspeculation would undo all that was accomplished by last week's liquidation and are advising caution in consequence. The more sanguine temperament of the London market, due to improved conditions in the Rand, while detracting from the interest in Americans, is regarded as a most encouraging symptom and may develop Copper was advanced sharply during the final hour, and the character of the de-

change and Chicago board of trade.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

remanded to await the further action of

Joseph Underwood, indicted for house